

A Genealogist's List of Online England and Wales County-wide Indexes to Church Records

This list provides the largest and most powerful 'finding' sources county by county for online indexed or transcribed CMBs (christenings, marriages and burials) in England and Wales. The websites below show county-wide coverage for each county which are currently available to family history researchers.

Here's a color-code key to the best websites:

FS – FamilySearch.org; see at <https://FamilySearch.org/search>

FMP – findmypast.co.uk; see at www.Findmypast.co.uk

AC – Ancestry.com; see at www.Ancestry.co.uk

OPC – Lancashire, Kent, Cornwall, Sussex, Warwickshire, "Online Parish Clerk" (OPC); Google to find

Joiner MI – Joiner Marriage Index; see at www.joiner-marriage-index.org.uk (\$)

FHS – Family History Society; Google to find website by county name; CMBs = christening/marriage/burials

TheGenealogist or TG – see at www.TheGenealogist.co.uk (\$)

FreeReg – see at www.FreeReg.org.uk

BMI – Boyd's Marriage Index - now located on FMP (see above)

Soc. Gen. – Society of Genealogists, London has to be listed here—with the largest county coverage of parish register transcripts found in any single library; also has hundreds of databases of smaller collections unavailable elsewhere; see at www.sog.org.uk (\$); see pg 3

ENGLAND - County list of key websites with significant church records indexes online:

- **Bedfordshire:** FS – 1.5 million or ~90% county coverage; Bedfordshire FHS CDs - CMBs to 1812
- **Berkshire:** FMP – 1.4 million; FS – 1.2 million (70% county coverage); Berkshire FHS CDs – Marriage/Burials
- **Buckinghamshire:** FMP – 2.1m; FS – has about 1.2 million or nearly 50% county coverage; Buckinghamshire county archive has some marriage licenses online;
- **Cambridgeshire:** Cambridgeshire FHS – CDs for 100% coverage to 1900; FHL has CDs; FS 1.9 million - ~70% coverage for county; FreeReg – 46%; Boyds Marriage Index – 85% at FMP
- **Cheshire:** FS – 8.8 million ~70% coverage; Ancestry – 5 million BTs; FMP – 6.5 million Cheshire Parish Register. (CMBs) Project (31 parishes only);
- **Cornwall:** FS – 3.1 million; OPC – 2 million; FreeReg – 85% (marriages); FMP – 2.1 million; 85% marriages
- **Cumberland:** FS – has 1.5 million (80+% county coverage) FMP – 174 thousand
- **Derbyshire:** FMP – 7.8 million 85%; Ancestry – 7.8 million; FS – 5 million
- **Devonshire:** FMP – 7.4 million and FS – 4.4 million—about 50% coverage; Devonshire FHS – printed transcripts of most parish registers, OPC (partial)
- **Dorsetshire:** Ancestry.com – 7.7 million; FMP – 4.6 million; FS – 3.3 million; theGenealogist – 1.5 million, OPC
- **Durham:** FMP – 3.6 million; FS – 3.3 million; www.durhamrecordsonline.com; theGenealogist – 1.8 million; FreeReg – 25%; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 75% (available on FMP and FS)

- **Essex:** Ancestry – 13.2 million entries; theGenealogist – 2.5 million; FS – 3.4 million; FMP – 5.2 million; also Essex Record Office (SEAX) online has images of Parish Registers but no transcriptions;
- **Gloucestershire:** Ancestry.com – 10.5million; Bristol City – 5 million; FS – 4.3 million; 4.8 million Bristol City; 4.8 million; Avon FHS CDs; theGenealogist – 1.5 million- mostly post-1812; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 50%) (available on FMP and FS) Gloucestershire archives – at: <http://www3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/genealogy/Search.aspx>
- **Hampshire:** FS has 6.1 million (partial pre-1750); theGenealogist – 3.2 million FMP – 3.1 million FMP; Hants Record Office marriage index (mostly complete); FreeReg – about 30% coverage; OPC (partial)
- **Herefordshire:** FS – 1.9 million or ~80+% county coverage up to 1880; Bertram Merrell Marriage Index (on microfiche at FHL); Herefordshire FHS – marriages 1538-1957; burials-1813-1839
- **Hertfordshire:** FMP – 2.1 million; FS – has nearly 90% or 1.8 million up to 1875
- **Huntingdonshire:** FS – 1.5 million; FMP has 228 thousand burials
- **Kent:** FS 9.8 million; FMP – 7.4 million; Ancestry – 2 million; Kent FHS has CDs with about 30% marriages. Coverage; OPC- ~25%
- **Lancashire:** FS 20.4 million, including Manchester; Ancestry – 16.7 million, including Manchester; see also Liverpool RCa – 2.6 million; Lancashire OPC 9.6 million; FreeReg – 30% FMP – 5.8 million for Lancashire County; 2.6 million Manchester
- **Leicestershire:** FMP – 3.5 million; Leicestershire Family History Society CDs - 70% coverage; FS – 2.5 million or 70%;
- **Lincolnshire:** FS – 6.9 million or about 85+%; FreeReg – 82% coverage; FMP – 5.4 million
- **London [City of]:** FS about 90+%; Ancestry.co.uk – about same; BMI – 85% (available FMP and FS)
- **Middlesex:** Ancestry.co.uk – 54.8 million (~80+%, largest online; Westminster mostly excluded); plus Pallots Marriage Index – 1780-1837 (70%); Docklands ancestors – about 1 million entries for Greater London's East-end parishes of Middlesex; FMP 5.4 million for Westminster; FS – 5 million entries; Westminster only - FS – 1.8m; BMI – 80% (available on FMP and FS)
- **Norfolk:** Ancestry – 17.8 million; FreeReg.org.uk - nearly 75% coverage; FMP – 6.2 million; FS – 5.1 million; thegenealogist – 3.6 million; Genealogy.doun.org has 300+thousand PR/BTs entries; see also Tinstaafl
- **Northamptonshire:** Ancestry – 7.6 million; Northamptonshire FHS published CMB indexes on CDs - buy at www.familyhistorynorthants.co.uk; FreeReg – 71% coverage; FS FHL has CDs
- **Northumberland:** FS – 5.4 million or 85+% coverage; FMP – 2.3 million; Joiner MI; FreeReg – 80% coverage; theGenealogist – about 2+ million; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 80% (available - FMP/FS)
- **Nottinghamshire:** Ancestry – 4.3 million; FreeReg - 90% coverage FMP – 2.2 million; FS – 1.8 million; TheGenealogist – 1 million; Boyd's Marriage Index (BMI) – 76% (available on FMP and FS)
- **Oxfordshire:** Ancestry – 4.3 million; Oxford Family History Society (website – CDs for sale (\$))
- **Rutlandshire:** LRFHS.org.uk has numerous CDs available; FS about 600 thousand or 80% coverage for county; FMP - ~361 thousand; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 50%) (available on FMP and FS)
- **Shropshire:** FMP – 2.7 million (has most burials) FS – 2 million (~75%, some burials) Ancestry – 1.3 million Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 54% (available on FMP → also available at FS)
- **Somerset:** FreeReg.org.uk – has nearly 85% county coverage; Ancestry 9.6 million; FMP – 5 million; FS - 30% or 2 million; theGenealogist – ~1 million; OPC (partial)

- **Staffordshire:** FS – 9.6 million or 85+% coverage; FMP – 4.6 million; FreeReg – 3.2 million
- **Suffolk:** FS 2.4 million or ~50%; Suffolk FHS CDs - ~60% coverage (by deanery name), burials -100%; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 33% (available on FMP and FS) FMP – 1 million
- **Surrey:** Ancestry – 6.5 million; FS – 5.7 million or about 80+% coverage; FMP – 1.1 million; BMI – 56%
- **Sussex:** FS – 5.8+ million coverage; theGenealogist – 4 million; **Sussex OPC - many parishes completed;** Burchall Marriage index - East Sussex; Leeson Marriage Index – on CDs; FMP – 1.2 million
- **Warwickshire:** FS – 6.3 million; Ancestry – 5.6 million; FMP – 4.9 million; **Warwickshire OPC has indexed many parishes;** FreeReg – 56% coverage; theGenealogist – 4.7 million
- **Westmorland:** FS – 70+% coverage or 1.2 million
- **Wiltshire:** Ancestry – 7.4 million; FMP – 6.3 million; FS – 3 million or nearly 50% coverage; Nimrod Marriage Index is complete; FreeReg – 80% - mostly marriages; **OPC (partial)**
- **Worcestershire:** FS – nearly 75% coverage or 2.5 million; see Birmingham and Midland Society publications; theGenealogist – 2.1+ million entries
- **Yorkshire:** FMP – 24 million; 13.8 East Riding; Ancestry.co.uk – 13 million PRs/5.8 million BTs – total 18.8 million; FS – 12.1 million; Joiner Marriage Index – 2+ million; Sheffield Indexers – partial data, no post-1754 entries for South Cathed; Boyd's Marriage Index (BMI) – West Riding ~60% (available on FMP and FS)

England Church Register Totals:

FamilySearch.org: 176 million (11 May 2018) – both Church of England and Nonconformist
 Ancestry.co.uk – 172 million (11 May 2018) – both Church of England and Nonconformist
 findmypast.co.uk – 105 million (11 May 2018) – Church of England
 TheGenealogist.co.uk - ~70 million (11 May 2018) – Church of England and Nonconformist
 FreeReg.org.uk – 46 million (11 May 2018) – Church of England

WALES County List – total CMBs: FMP – 9 million (about 65%)- see name of county) FS – 7.5 million:

- **Anglesey:** FMP – 502,000; FS – 301,000
- **Breconshire:** FMP – 304,000; FS – 313,000
- **Denbighshire:** FMP – 892,000; FS – 819,000
- **Caernarvonshire:** FMP – 404,000; FS – 227,000
- **Cardiganshire:** FMP – 151,000; FS – 200,000
- **Carmarthenshire:** FMP – 590,000; FS – 702,000
- **Flintshire:** FMP – 628,000; FS – 657,000
- **Glamorganshire:** FMP – 2.1 million; FS – 2.3 million
- **Merionethshire:** FMP – 293,000; FS – 191,000
- **Monmouthshire:** FMP – 617,000; FS – 450,000
- **Montgomeryshire:** FMP – 993,000; FS – 593,000
- **Pembrokeshire:** FMP – 495,000; FS – 539,000
- **Radnorshire:** FMP – 145,000; FS – 150,000

MISCELLANEOUS Considerations for Find Ancestors online at FamilySearch.org and other websites

- FamilySearch.org – is now indexing (including burials) in most England counties, generally; IF your county is NOT listed in the “Browse all published collections” on the

FamilySearch.org “Search” engine page, then instead, search under the name of county by typing it in; or search at the parish level (spelled correctly).

- Society of Genealogists, London: their outstanding in-house transcription and online collections include about 11,000 of England’s 12,800 parishes, plus numerous valuable other exclusive and significant (including online) collections via Society Of Genealogist membership
- **Wiki.FamilySearch.org** – look under single parish name, or County’s List of Parish’s on County page. Scroll to “Church Records”; then click links to parish records online
- FreeBMD.org.uk – civil registration of births, marriages and deaths up to 1983; to 2015 FMP and Ancestry
- **England/Wales** Civil Registrations of births: indexes at findmypast will now be showing mother’s maiden name; deaths at Ancestry.com will be showing ages at death, 1837-2015.
- Probate records: most counties have county-wide indexes available online; Google under 1) county name, with the search terms “index” and “probate” (or “will”); or better, use Wiki.FamilySearch.org and click on “England/[name of]County/Probate”; follow steps
- “Google” the search terms: 1) [name of] county 2) “Indexes” and 3) “Baptisms” etc for online databases and/or transcriptions
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